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Evidence without a crime

REPORT: Mueller probe's allegations could shift role of prosecution to Congress

By Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON – The report from Robert Mueller lays out abundant evidence against President Donald Trump, finding 10 "episodes" of potential obstruction of justice, but ultimately concluding it was not the special counsel's role to determine whether the commander in chief broke the law.

Submitted to Congress on Thursday, the 448-page document alternates between scenes of presidential scheming and dense legal analysis, and it marks the onset of a new phase of the Trump administration in which congressional Democrats must decide what, if anything, to do with Mueller's evidence.

The report suggests – though never explicitly states – that Congress, not the Justice Department, should assume the role of prosecutor when the person who may be prosecuted is the president.

"The conclusion that Congress may apply the ob-

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Erin Schaff / New York Times

President Donald Trump claimed Thursday that the Mueller report cleared him of wrongdoing. Democrats disagreed.

» *Trump sees it as a good day; Democrats hesitant on impeachment; a look at what Mueller considered possible obstruction.* **Page A14**

ANALYSIS: The findings reveal White House culture of chaos and frustration

By Peter Baker and Maggie Haberman
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON – As President Donald Trump met with advisers in the Oval Office in May 2017 to discuss replacements for the FBI director he had just fired, Attorney General Jeff Sessions slipped out of the room to take a call.

When he came back, he gave Trump bad news: Robert Mueller had just been appointed as a special counsel to take over the investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election and any actions by the president to impede it.

Trump slumped in his chair. "Oh, my God," he said. "This is terrible. This is the end of my presidency."

It has not been the end of his presidency, but it has come to consume it. Although the resulting two-year investigation ended without charges against Trump, Mueller's report painted a portrait of a White House dominated by a president desperate to thwart the inquiry only to be restrained by aides equally desperate

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Gen. David L. Goldfein, right, Air Force chief of staff, greets Aaron Cole, grandson of Doolittle Raider Dick Cole, during a memorial service for Cole at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. Aaron sang the national anthem at the event.

Final salute to a WWII legend

Doolittle Raider Cole remembered

By Sig Christenson
STAFF WRITER

The seas were heavy 77 years ago as the USS Hornet turned into the wind. Their B-25 Mitchell bomber shaking violently, Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle and his copilot, Lt. Dick Cole, revved up their engines with their feet hard against the brakes.

To make a surprise raid on Japan, they were about to do something no American aviator had done before in combat: Launch bombers from an aircraft carrier. It was a chance for payback after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor five months earlier.

Air Force personnel show respect during a prayer at the service, which drew a crowd of more than 1,000. Dick Cole died at age 103 on April 9.

"The two of them looked at each other and said, 'What are we doing here?'" Gen. David Goldfein told a crowd of more than 1,000 on Thursday at a memorial service for Cole, who died April 9 at 103. "Then off they went."

Standing in Hangar 41 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, the Air Force's chief of staff headlined Thursday's farewell to the last of the Doolittle Raiders on the anniversary of the 1942 attack.

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Jerry Lara / Staff photographer

Councilman Greg Brockhouse reacts after his Chick-fil-A move was voted down.

Mayor is able to win on two issues

By Dylan McGuinness
STAFF WRITER

Days before the start of early voting in municipal elections, Mayor Ron Nirenberg convinced a bare majority of his colleagues Thursday to stick with an earlier decision to bar Chick-fil-A from San Antonio International Airport, a move that has drawn national criticism.

Nirenberg also persuaded council members not to direct the city's lobbyists to fight a bill that would invalidate the paid sick leave ordinance approved by the council last year.

The policy requires most of San Antonio's private-sector employers to provide such leave for employees.

In both cases, Nirenberg was seeking to keep the lid on controversies that seemed to have been settled.

Although the mayor prevailed on both votes Thursday, he had to refight old battles over contentious issues during the final stretch of his re-election campaign.

Councilman Greg Brockhouse, Nirenberg's most prominent challenger in the May 4 election, used a procedural move under Robert's Rules of Order to try to force the council to vote again on whether to remove Chick-fil-A from the new airport concessions contract.

Later, Councilman Rey Saldaña

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